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Air

The Advocate (Della Hasselle) [Received 6/13] – OPEN – CAA compliance investigation for Denka facility in LaPlace, La. Working with OAR, OECA and Region 6. DDL: 6/13.

Associated Press (Adam Beam) [Received 6/7] – OPEN – State of Kentucky trying to opt out of RFG standard – OTAQ and R4 working on response - DDL 6/9 3 PM

Cincinnati Enquirer (Scott Wartman) [Received 6/7] - OPEN – Reformulated gas requirements – Regions 4,5 and HQ handling – in program – DDL 6/8 mid-day, story posting 6/8 even though reporter knows we won't get back to him in time, but he'll accept EPA response for future reporting purposes.

FairWarning (Stu Silverstein) [Received 6/1] – OPEN – Asking for history and national data on small engine emissions. Deadline 6/15

Freelancer (Tom Ewing) [Received 6/6] -- CLOSED 6/13 -- Sent link to 6/6 ozone delay press release.

KPCC (NPR, Southern California; Elina Shatkin) [Received 6/9] - OPEN – Emissions standards for new Tier 4 locomotives – awaiting reporter's questions and deadline

LA Times (Tony Barboza) [Received 5/31] -- OPEN -- Traffic air pollution. Working to provide backgrounder or written responses. DDL: week of 6/12.

Reuters (Chris Prentice) [Received 6/12] – CLOSED 6/12 – Asking about a comment on the Point of Obligation by a former WH official under Obama. Sent background statement, plus a statement on the record for her follow up question.

Transport Topics (Laurie Wiegler) [Received 6/13] – CLOSED 6/13 - Declined to comment on any potential heavy duty truck actions the agency may be considering.

Wall Street Journal (Chester Dawson) [Received 5/31] – CLOSED 6/12 – asking for clarification on a table in the Draft TAR. Reporter no longer needs the information.

WVTM 13 (Kierra Powell) [Received 6/6] – OPEN – GHG emissions. Suggested response with press@ DDL: 6/13.

Budget

Door & Window Market Magazine (Trey Barrineau) [Received 6/5] – OPEN – Current funding figure for Energy Star Windows, Doors and Skylight Program- question in program – DDL 6/7

Michigan Live (Ron Fonger) [Received 6/13] - CLOSED - Budget proposal re: R5 and GLRI - OPS handling.

Chief Financial Officer

Center for Public Integrity (Jamie Hopkins) [Rec'd 5/30] – CLOSED – GHG reporting budget status.

Inside EPA (Maria Hegstad) [Rec'd 5/30] – OPEN – Legislative Language. DDL: 6/2 @ 12 PM. In press box for review.

Rhode Island Public Radio (Avory Brookins) [Rec'd 5/24] – CLOSED – Budget impact on RI.

Enforcement & Compliance

BNA (Renee Schoof) [Rec'd 6/6] – OPEN – HQ enforcement press releases. No specific deadline. Working with program.

Environmental Information

FedScoop (Jessica Klem) [Received 4/27] - OPEN - Interview with Chief Data Scientist Robin Thottungal re: agency's upcoming data management initiatives – scheduled for 6/15

FedTech (Dan Tynan) [Received 6/9] -OPEN – EPA-FDA data sharing practices and challenges – in program (OEI) – DDL 6/14

Meritalk (Eleanor Lamb) [Received 5/2] – OPEN – Questions about FITARA – questions in program; request for interview awaiting OPS approval – no firm DDL

Land and Emergency Management

Bloomberg (Sylvia Carignan) [Received 6/13] – OPEN – Looking for number of Superfund sites and some other data. With OSRTI. Deadline 3pm 6/13.

Desert Sun/USA Today (Ian James) [Received 5/30] – OPEN – seeking waste export data. Draft response with press@epa.gov. Deadline flexible, but preferably by 6/15.

FOX 46 Charlotte (David Sentendrey) [Received 5/31] – OPEN – Asking about bleach disposal. With Julia for guidance. Deadline 6/15.

Montana Standard (Susan Dunlop) [Received 6/12] – OPEN – Questions on Superfund, buyouts and budget. Deadline 6/15.

Pesticides

Bloomberg News (Michael Byhoff) [Received 5/19] – OPEN – Glyphosate regulation and farming; questions in program (OPP); we may end up recommending referral to USDA – DDL early June

Freelance writer (Donald Sutherland) [Received 4/25] – OPEN – Neonicotinoids and food supply safety – questions in program – No firm DDL

Huffington Post (Paul Thacker) [Received 6/7] – OPEN – Reporter requesting comment on OIG investigation into former employee's alleged collusion w/Monsanto – proposed no-comment response awaiting OPS approval – DDL 6/7

International student (Min-ji Kim) [Received 6/9] - OPEN – Korean student visiting DC sent broad-based questions on environmental issues for school paper article – program thinks a written response including links will suffice – DDL 6/16

KCET (PBS, Southern California; Dennis Nishi) [Received 6/9] - OPEN – non-chemical pest control methods – questions in program (OPP) – DDL week of 6/12

VI Source (Kelsey Nowakowski) [Received 6/9] - OPEN – CCA lumber and pesticide-treated wood performance in coastal climates – in program (OPP) – DDL week of 6/12

WUFT-FM (NPR, University of Florida; Darling Hill) [Received 6/7] – OPEN – Questions on pesticide safety and health risks to workers as part Master's program project – program response awaiting OPS – awaiting deadline info from reporter.

PFOA/PFOS

Treasure Coast Palm (Florida; Lucas Daprile) [Received 6/9 from Region 4, which is handling non HQ-specific questions] – CLOSED - PFOA/PFOS in Stuart, FL, water supply – sent to R4 following OPS approval – DDL 6/9, 3 PM

Research and Development

AWPS (Kris Anderson) [Received 5/31] – OPEN – Water quality research – OW and ORD working on response – DDL Flexible but reporter will check back early week of 6/12

BillMoyers.Com (Ben Adler); Inside Climate Change (Georgina Gustin) [Received 5/23] – OPEN – BOSC nominations process – proposed response awaiting OPS approval

Bioscience Magazine (Richard Blaustein) [Reopened 6/8] - OPEN - Discussing reporter's follow-up interview request on pythoremediation with OPS - Awaiting DDL info from reporter.

BNA (Catherine Moran) [Received 6/2] - OPEN - Reporter requesting interview with ORD's Chris Weaver on multi-agency US Green Climate Research Program - discussing with OPS - DDL 6/9 COB

Chemical Watch (Emma Davies) [Received 5/30] - OPEN - Reporter seeking to interview ORD researcher on chromatin immunoprecipitation paper - program drafting written statement - DDL 6/9

Spectrum News (Kendra Douglas); WECT (Connor del Prete); WHQR (Cape Fear, NC; Vince Winkel) [Received 6/8] - OPEN - Gen X and water supply - OW, ORD, OCSPP and R4 working on responses

TC Palm (Lucas Daprile) [Received 6/9] - OPEN - PFOA/PFOS and water supply - OW, ORD, OCSPP, R4 and OECA working on response - DDL ASAP

Technology Networks (Helen Gillespie) [Received 3/29] - OPEN - Reporter looking to interview Russell Thomas of ORD's National Center for Computational Technology - interview request awaiting Nancy G. approval - DDL early June

Toxic Chemicals

Chem. Info (Meagan Parrish) [Received 5/9] - OPEN - Important features of Lautenberg TSCA reform act - in program - DDL Late May

Chemical Watch (Kelly Franklin) [Renewed 5/9] - OPEN - Non 5(e) SNURs - response awaiting OPS approval - No firm DDL, but reporter would like a response ASAP

The Chemical Engineer (Nick Clark) [RECEIVED 6/13] - CLOSED - Green Chemistry Awards - Agency declining comment

StarNews (Vaughn Hagerty) [Received 6/12] - OPEN - Follow-up on GenX and consent order. Working with OCSPP and OECA. DDL: 6/13.

Toxics Release Inventory

WKMS (Nicole Erwin) [Renewed 6/7] - OPEN - Hydrogen sulfates (H2S) reporting - discussing shorter response, per OPS request, with all program offices involved - Hard DDL 6/9

Water

Courier Herald (Enumclaw, Washington; Raymond Still) [Received 6/9] - OPEN - EPA water affordability rates formula - discussing OW proposed response within OMR. - Deadline 6/12

News 21 (Phoenix) (Jordan Houston) [Received 6/8] - OPEN - Sent reviewed response on drinking water standards. Awaiting reporter's specific follow-up questions and firm deadline.

Orb Media (Dan Morrison) [Rec'd 6/8] - OPEN - Microplastics in tap water. DDL: 6/9 @ 10 AM. Sending to other offices for additional response.

Washington Post (Chris Mooney) [Rec'd 6/13] - OPEN - Septic tank spending. DDL: Flexible. With OW for response.

WISH-TV (Indianapolis) (Bennett Haeberle) [Rec'd 6/8] - OPEN - Water filtration system regulation. DDL: 6/12 @ 9 AM. With OPA for further editing.

WPTV (Michelle Quesada) [Rec'd 5/31] - OPEN - BEACH Act program & budget. DDL: 5/31 @ 5 PM. Checking to see if reporter still needs it.

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